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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE POLITICAL CRISIS AND ALLIED DEMARCHES

REFS: A) STATE 202520, B) LISBON 4884

1. THE CHARGE MET ON AUG. 26 WITH FONOFF STATE SECRETARY HERMES REPRESENTING FONMIN GENSCHER TO MAKE THE INSTRUCTED DEMARCHE. DRAWING FULLY ON REF (A), THE CHARGE DESCRIBED AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI'S AUG. 22 DEMARCHE TO COSTA GOMES AND ALSO DISCUSSED ALL THE POINTS MADE IN THE MEETING WITH THE MELO ANTUNES GROUP (COMMENT: IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (B) WE STRESSED THE SENSITIVITY OF THIS MEETING).

2. THE CHARGE ASKED THE FRG TO INSTRUCT ITS AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL TO MAKE A DEMARCHE ALONG THE LINES DESCRIBED IN PARA 2 OF REF (A), STRESSING THE NEED FOR THE

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WESTERN ALLIES TO ACT NOW AT WHAT COULD BE A DECISIVE

MOMENT IN PORTUGUESE HISTORY. HERMES ASKED WHY ONLY CERTAIN EC GOVERNMENTS HAD BEEN SELECTED BY THE USG. THE CHARGE RESPONDED THAT THE USG HAD CHOSEN ONLY THE MOST IMPORTANT GOVERNMENTS WHOSE VIEWS MIGHT HAVE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON THE CURRENT SITUATION. HERMES THEN INDICATED THAT THE FRG COULD NOT SPEAK ON A BI-LATERAL BASIS FOR THE EC IN LISBON, BUT RATHER A COMMON EC POSITION WOULD HAVE TO BE COORDINATED AMONG THE NINE. MOREOVER, THE EC WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER WHAT ELSE IT MIGHT WANT TO SAY IN ITS DEMARCHE.

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3. HERMES THEN GAVE HIS ANALYSIS OF THE HIGHLY FLUID SITUATION IN LISBON. HE CONCLUDED THAT PRESSURE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES WAS UNLIKELY TO PROVE DECISIVE.

4.. THE CHARGE REITERATED THE NEED FOR THE ALLIES TO TAKE JOINT ACTION QUICKLY OR THE MODERATE EFFORT MAY COLLAPSE. HERMES CONCLUDED THE DISCUSSION BY SAYING THAT HE COULD NOT GIVE AN OFFICIAL FRG RESPONSE NOW,

BUT WOULD BRING THE MATTER URGENTLY TO THE ATTENTION OF FONMIN
GENSCHER AND THE CHANCELLOR SINCE THEIR APPROVAL WOULD
BE REQUIRED BEFORE THE FRG UNDERTAKES SUCH A DEMARCHE.
HERMES PROMISED TO ADVISE THE EMBASSY REGARDING THE
FRG DECISION ON THIS MATTER.

5. COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT AMEMBASSY ROME IS NOT
INCLUDED AMONG THE ACTION ADDRESSEES OF REF (A). SINCE
ITALY CURRENTLY OCCUPIES THE EC PRESIDENCY, WE BELIEVE
IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT EMBASSY ROME BE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE
A SIMILAR DEMARCHE SO THAT ITALIAN NOSES ARE NOT OUT OF
JOINT ON THE PROPOSED REITERATION OF THE EC NINE POSI-
TION WHEN AND IF THE GERMANS, BRITISH, FRENCH OR DUTCH
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DECIDE TO MOVE. THE NINE HAVE AN INTERNAL TELEGRAPHIC
NET WHICH COULD BE USED TO FACILITATE CLEARANCE OF
A JOINT DEMARCHE, BUT WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BETTER
TACTICALLY IF THE ITALIANS WERE FIRST APPROACHED BY THE
US. END COMMENT.
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